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OR92-444

Dear Mr. Michel:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 16127.

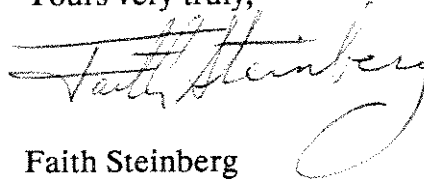
The Houston Independent School District (the "district") received an open records request for a copy of the district's "October and February payroll deduction rosters for professional dues received on behalf of Houston Education Association, Houston Federation of Teachers and the Congress of Houston Teachers." You contend that the requested rosters may be withheld pursuant to section 3(a)(1) of the Open Records Act.

A previous determination of this office, Open Records Decision No. 545 (1990), resolves your request. The requested information reflects the personal financial decision of the district's employees to have professional dues withdrawn from their paycheck and thus comes under the protection of common-law privacy. For this reason, the district may withhold the requested information pursuant to section 3(a)(1).

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with

a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR92-444.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Faith Steinberg".

Faith Steinberg  
Assistant Attorney General  
Opinion Committee

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